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Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed materials. The enclosed materials cited under Reference TR relate to information which was allegedly disclosed by an independent inventor (Toffolon) to potential licensees on or before July 26, 1995, i.e., more than one year before the July 26, 1996 priority filing date of the priority application (Australia Application No. PO 1265). This information refers to a patent application which matured into U.S. Patent 4,971,051 to Toffolon (copy enclosed). The Toffolon patent is not listed on the Form PTO-1449 since it is already of record.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

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